

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

BOSTON CITY COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY AND CHUCK TURNER

BUFFALO SOLDIERS

- WHEREAS: The history of the Buffalo Soldiers first originated in 1866, when United States Congress authorized establishment of two segregated Regiments of Cavalry and four segregated Regiments of Infantry in the US Army, and
- WHEREAS: Congress created the 9th and 10th Cavalries and the 38th, 39th, 40th, and 41st Infantries, which were made up exclusively of African American soldiers; and
- WHEREAS: The 38th and 40th Regiments in 1869 were consolidated and became the 24th Infantry and the 39th and 41st Regiments in 1869 were consolidated and became the 25th Infantry; and
- WHEREAS: The 9th and 10th Mounted Cavalries, which battled Native Americans during the Plains Indian Wars, were nick-named Buffalo Soldiers by their Indian foes as a sign of respect for their bravery and courageousness. Those regiments, according to regimental returns, were not involved in any Indian massacres; and
- WHEREAS: Buffalo soldiers contributed to westward expansion in numerous ways. For instance, approximately 500 Buffalo Soldiers were assigned to patrol and create trails at Yosemite, Sequoia, General Grant, and Presidio National Parks, from 1903 up until the National Park Service was created in 1916; and
- WHEREAS: Buffalo Soldiers extinguished forest fires, confiscated firearms, and evicted poachers and timber thieves. They also guarded mail, towns, surveyors, stage coaches, cattle drives, railroad crews, and arms shipments. And they supervised the construction of roads, trails, telegraph lines, frontier outposts, and other infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS: Buffalo Soldiers, according to historians, were not involved in any atrocities toward Native Americans, and Native Americans were not involved in any atrocities toward Buffalo Soldiers; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, honors Buffalo Soldiers and all other veterans who have sacrificed their lives for the advancement of the United States of America.

By: _____

Charles C. Yancy
President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Chuck Turner
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: November 3, 2010

